

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

SE Area Specialty Crop

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: SE Area Specialty Crop		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Water Quality- (Excessive Nutrients and Organics and Surface Water, Harmful Levels of Nutrients and Organics, and/or Pathogens, and/or Pesticides in Groundwater). This resource concern will be addressed by implementation of practice(s) included in this application.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Soil Erosion – (Sheet, rill, wind, classic gully, ephemeral, streambank)- This resource concern will be addressed by implementation of practice(s) included in this application.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Application includes Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (102).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the implementation of the practice(s) in this application address the control of noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. The applicant is only applying in one fund pool for the general EQIP sign-up.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the resource concern of excessive pesticides, nutrients and organics in groundwater be addressed through the implementation of practices contained within this application? One of the practices in this application must have a CPPE of at least +2 for Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater AND soils present must be identified in WI Conservation Planning Tech Note 1 in order to receive points for this question. Soil borings may be done to document need if soils in WI Conservation Planning Tech Note 1 are not present but the area has known limitations. Areas with severe limitations need to be located within the manure application footprint of practices in the application.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. USE 590 SWQMA DEFINITION- The area within 1000 feet from ordinary high-water mark of navigable waters that consist of a lake, pond or flowage, except that, for a navigable water that is a glacial pothole lake, "surface water quality management area" means 1,000 feet from the high-water mark of the lake for streams it includes the area within 300 feet from the ordinary high water. Include perennial and Intermittent streams ONLY if the intermittent joins a perennial stream within 300' or is a direct conduit to groundwater within 300' from the site. If streams do not show on topographic map document onsite evaluation and include photos and notes in the file. Practice must have a CPPE score of at least +3 for excessive nutrients and organics in surface water.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the resource concern of (water quantity) inefficient water use on irrigated land be addressed through the implementation of practices contained within this application? Answer "YES" if the CPPE score Water Quantity, Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land is +3 or greater for practices contained in the application	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the practices contained within this application lead to the development or improvement of pollinator habitat? Application must include Conservation Cover (327), Field Border (386), or Tree/Shrub Establishment (612) with an approved pollinator seeding/planting mix. Pollinator mixes included in the 2011 WI EQIP cookbook are automatically approved.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Is a pest management plan currently being followed OR will a pest management plan be developed as a result of this application. If a pest management plan is currently being followed it must meet NRCS 595 Standards or 595 must be included in the application to answer yes to this question.	
5. a. the application is for a cranberry operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. the application is for any specialty crop other than cranberries?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency:
Local Issues:
State Issues:
National Issues:
Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: